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VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 122732

1. FOLLOWING DECISION OF ECOSOC JULY 21 THAT SUBJECT
COMPLAINT WAS SUITABLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION FACT-FINDING AND CONCILIATION
COMMISSION, LABATT WAS CALLED BY NICHOLAS VALTICOS,
ILO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR
STANDARDS. VALTICOS PROVIDED A LIST OF THREE NAMES
HE SAID DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD WAS CONSIDERING FOR
THE FACT-FINDING AND CONCILIATION COMMISSION.

2. VALTICOS PROVIDED THE NAMES AS A COURTESY TO SEE
IF WE WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO ANY OF THEM. THEIR
NAMES AND BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOLLOW:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR WILLIAM DOUGLAS, PC (BARBADOS)

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CHIEF JUSTICE OF BARBADOS; MEMBER, INTER-AMERICAN
JURIDICAL COMMITTEE; MEMBER, COMMONWEALTH
CARIBBEAN COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION; FORMER JUDGE
OF THE HIGH COURT OF JAMAICA.

MR. JOSE MARIA RUDA (ARGENTINA)

JUDGE AT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE; MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW; PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES; FORMER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS; FORMER UNDER-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION.

SIR OTTO KAHN-FREUND (UNITED KINGDOM)

FORMERLY PROFESSOR OF LAW, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, M.A. (OXFORD), LL.M. (LONDON); DOCTOR OF LAW (FRANKFURT); DOCTOR OF LAW (HONORIS CAUSA) (BONN, STOCKHOLM, BRUSSELS, PARIS, LEICESTER, LOUVAIN, YORK (CANADA), F.B.A., Q.C. AND HONORARY BENCHER OF THE MIDDLE TEMPLE, FELLOW OF BRASENOSE COLLEGE, OXFORD.

3. VALTICOS EMPHASIZED THAT THE THREE INDIVIDUALS HAD NOT YET BEEN CONTACTED AND WILL NOT BE UNTIL OUR REACTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. ASSUMING U.S. HAS NO OBJECTION, THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE CONTACTED SO THAT THEY CAN BE FORMALLY APPOINTED BY THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED THEREFORE TO REPLY ASAP. VANDEN HEUVEL

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